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BELIEVE LOCAL CRAFT UNHARMED

Skipper of the Willard Ran Aground When Light Went Out of Commission —Fare Fish Dumped Overboard

Heading for New Bedford with a fare of fresh fish, the local dragger, Albert D. Willard, Capt. Lee Cavanaugh, hit hard aground at Pasque Island, Monday night, according to information in yesterday's Times.

Capt. Cavanaugh stated that the light on Quicks Hole had for some reason or other gone out of commission, and in running for land, not seeing the familiar mark, the next thing he knew was when the bottom of the Willard hit the hard sand.

Trip of Fish Spoiled.

A leak developed and fuel oil seep-

ed into her fare of fish, some \$600 worth, making it unsalable and the skipper ordered the crew to dump her trip overboard.

All Monday night the Willard rocked back and forth in the swell and yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock, two patrol boats from Woods Hole after some difficulty, managed to haul the schooner free and tow her to New Bedford, which port she reached last evening.

It is understood that practically no damage was caused by the grounding, and that the craft will return to this port either today or tomorrow.

Nova Scotia Notes.

According to the reports compiled by the Pictou headquarters of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, there has been a decrease of 1500 pounds in the total catch of smelts for the month of February compared to the total catch for the corresponding period last year.

A decrease of \$237 was also noted in the value of the catch over February last year. In February of 1932, 12,200 pounds of smelts were caught representing a value of \$826. This year during February, 10,700 pounds were caught and valued at \$589.

Fishermen around Tracadie are busy mending old nets, making some new ones, and also making and repairing lobster traps, so as to be ready for the spring season. It is not known what the coming season will bring forth, but hopes are held it will be better for our hardy toilers than the season of 1932. The majority of fishermen are having hard times, but if they can tide over the winter, the month of May will bring relief to those engaged in the lobster industry.

Clarence George, deckhand on the trawler Loubyrne, was removed to Camp Hill hospital at Halifax with an injury to his hip, when the craft put into port from the banks. George, whose home is near Arichat, was jammed by a heavy door while the vessel was on the banks. His condition is believed not to be serious.

Catch of smelts in the Pictou district for February was 107 hundredweight, with a total value of \$589. Official figures show this catch to be slightly lower than that of February, 1932, when 122 hundredweight were caught and valued at \$826. The drop is largely due to the poor ice conditions and the unseasonable weather which prevailed.

Portland Arrivals.

Portland fishing vessels and several Boston and Gloucester draggers were forced into Portland yesterday by the nor'easter after one day's fishing. The vessels and their fares were the Alice M. Doughty, 5000 pounds; the Annie Louise and the Bernie and Bessie, 3500 pounds each; the Carlo and Vince, the Captain Drum, the Natalie II., and the Paolino, 3000 pounds each; the Georgie Bowden and the St. Peter, 2500 pounds each; the Aberrance, the Eleanor and the Uncle Sam, 2000 pounds each; and the Angie and the Vince, 1500 pounds each.

ONE TRAWLER ONLY ARRIVAL

GILL NETTERS LANDED BULK OF YESTERDAY'S RECEIPTS.

The only arrival of fresh fish at this port since yesterday, aside from gill net landings was the trawler Dacia, in for harbor. Her fare amounting to around 500 pounds, was taken out late yesterday at the Cape Ann Cold Storage wharf. Seven of the gill netters hauled their nets yesterday but found poor fishing, the seven having but a total catch of 6300 pounds to land. There were a half dozen other craft here to re-fit for fishing.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Dacia, shore, 500 lbs. fresh fish. Virginia and Mary, dragging. Antonina, dragging. Funchal, trawling. Serafina N., dragging. Edith L. Boudreau, via Boston. Evelina M. Goulart, via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Phyllis A., 500 lbs. fresh fish. Edna Fae, 1200 lbs. fresh fish. Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Alicia, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Virginia and Joan, 1200 lbs. fresh fish. Enterprise, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Mary F. Curtis, haddocking. Catherine Burke, haddocking.

On the Railways.

Sch. Marie and Winifred is on Pakhurst's railways.

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LOCKEPORT WANTS NO TRAWLERS

A mass meeting of those interested in the fisheries was held in the Women's Institute hall, Lockeport, recently, to consider the steam trawler question. G. B. Page, deputy mayor, acted as chairman of the meeting and H. G. Locke, as secretary. The object of the meeting was fully explained by H. R. L. Bill, M. L. A., and after the question was discussed the following resolution was passed by an unanimous vote:

Whereas, it has been brought to our attention that the present licenses of steam or other trawlers operating out of Nova Scotia will expire.

And whereas, these licenses were granted on the understanding that the companies operating these trawlers could not obtain an adequate supply of suitable fish to enable them to properly conduct their business.

And, whereas, it has been definitely established that the hook and line fishermen are quite able to produce adequate supplies of suitable fish to enable any operator to properly conduct his business.

And whereas, several vessels of the Lunenburg fishing fleet equipped with power and properly fitted to carry on fresh fishing have had to lay idle.

And whereas, had these and other vessels in Nova Scotia been employed during the past several months in place of the trawlers operating, it would have helped the unemployment situation, as it is estimated it will take at least 80 hook and line fishermen to produce as many fish as one trawler employing approximately 20 men.

And whereas, if reports are correct the quantity of immature fish the trawlers are destroying has increased the past year to the detriment of the entire fishing industry.

And whereas, the shore fishermen of Nova Scotia are not able under present conditions to make a fair living and in many cases are not able to even provide the bare necessities of life for their families.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the citizens of the town of Lockeport and vicinity, at a mass meeting, assembled affirms it stand against the trawler and requests that the Minister of Fisheries give careful consideration to the serious condition facing the shore fishermen of this county and province and, that in view of all the above, existing licenses for trawlers be not renewed and that no further be granted for a period of at least one year.

DEALERS TOOK FIVE SMALL FARES

RECEIPTS OF FISH SINCE YESTERDAY HAVE BEEN LIGHT.

Only five small fares of fresh fish have been landed in port since yesterday, not including the receipts of gill netters, but dealers are hopeful that tomorrow will see a fair supply of fresh fish because nearly the entire fleet is out today and they should begin to return home by late afternoon with their hauls. Three trawlers with a total catch of 1700 pounds took out at Hall & Murray's yesterday afternoon, and two draggers discharged their fares this forenoon at the Producers' Fish Company. Only a half dozen of the gill net fleet hauled their nets yesterday, and their landings amounted to but 10,400 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Little Joe, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Emma Marie, dragging, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
Nephthys, trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sally Joseph, trawling, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
C6487, trawling, 300 lbs. fresh fish.
Alvan T. Fuller, via Boston.
William L. Putnam, via Boston.
Babe Sears, via Boston.
Governor Al. Smith, via Boston.
Funchal, trawling.
Mary A., trawling.
Jackson and Arthur, dragging.
Roma II., dragging.

Sailed.

Cape Ann, trawling.
Raymonde, trawling.
Leonora C., dragging.
Dacia, shore.
Evelina M. Goulart, dragging.
Mary M., dragging.
Edith L. Boudreau, dragging.
Marie and Winifred, dragging.
Bethulia, dragging.
Antonina, dragging.
Serafina II., dragging.
St. Peter, dragging.
Rose Marie, dragging.
Rose Marie, trawling.
Emma Marie, dragging.
Nephthys, trawling.
Sally Joseph, trawling.
Little Joe dragging.
Rose and Lucy, dragging.
Virginia and Mary, dragging.
Serafina N., dragging.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Virginia and Joan, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.
Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Enterprise, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Lucretia, 100 lbs. fresh fish.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived.

U. S. Coast Guard patrol boats Harriett E. Lee and Antietam, from offshore patrol for harbor.

ONLY FOUR IN BOSTON FLEET

RECEIPTS UNDER 170,000 POUNDS THIS MORNING—MARKET CONTINUES FIRM.

Four craft were on hand at the Boston fish pier this morning. Their fares aggregated 122,000 pounds of groundfish and 44,000 pounds of mixed fish. In spite of the meagre supply, there was no sharp advance in prices. Haddock sold at \$5.60; large cod, \$4; and market cod, \$4.50 to \$4.60.

The Yarmouth boat brought a shipment of 89 crates of live lobsters yesterday, a smaller quantity than usual, indicating that weather conditions are not yet favorable.

After operating for 10 days on a restricted basis due to the banking conditions, the New England fish exchange has resumed full activity and all of the rules and regulations are new back in force.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Cormorant, 27,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Str. Notre Dame, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Str. Saturn, 27,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 19,000 mixed fish.
Elk, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$5.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$4.50 to \$4.60; hake, \$4; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.50; gray sole, 7 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 7.80 cents to 8 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents; spawn, 8 cents; catfish, 2 cents to 3 cents.

Free of Ice.

Icebergs follow an erratic course in their wanderings about the Grand Banks. At present, not one berg hovers over the steamship lanes, and vessels crossing the Western ocean apparently have nothing to fear from an ice collision according to a message sent to the Coast Guard headquarters in the Custom house at Boston last night by Chief Warrant Boatswain C. H. Bartlett of the Gen. Greene.

The Greene based on St. Johns, N. F. last night, after covering the iceberg area and checking with vessels in the vicinity.

BAD WEATHER HAMPERS FLEET

THREE GILL NETTERS LIFTED YESTERDAY WITH SMALL FARES

Bad weather at sea checked activity along the waterfront yesterday afternoon and this morning, when only three gill netters with 5000 pounds of cod were reported, yesterday, and but one trawler, Capt. Rudolph LaFond's boat with 1700 pounds, this morning. They hope to have better luck today.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts

Capt. LaFond's boat, trawling, 1700 lbs. cod.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts

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Liboria, 1000 lbs. cod.
Nashawena, 1000 lbs. cod.

On the Railways

Sch. Albert D. Willard is on Parkhurst's Marine railways.

Funerals

MATTHIAS P. FLAHERTY.

LIGHT SUPPLY AGAIN AT HUB

FIVE VESSELS HAVE 375,000 POUNDS—PRICES ARE SLIGHTLY LOWER.

Another small fleet arrived at the Boston fish pier this morning. They brought in 344,000 pounds of groundfish and 30,000 pounds of mixed fish.

The market was a little lower. Haddock sold at \$4.50; large cod, \$4 and markets, \$3.50 to \$4.25. Codfish receipts exceeded haddock, 202,000 to 142,000 pounds.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Fordham, 20,000 haddock, 65,000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.
Str. Cambridge, 10,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
Str. Olivia Brown, 22,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 1000 scrod.
Joffre, 34,000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Adventure, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
Marristella, 38,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4.25; pollock, \$2 to \$3; lemon sole, 8 cents per pound; catfish, 2 to 3 cents.